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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM): SOME TANZANIAN VIEWS

1. MISOFF MET WITH ANDREW DARAJA, TANZANIAN MISSION NAM OFFICER, APRIL 14 FOR DISCUSSION OF NAM SUBJECTS.

DARAJA, WHO IS AN ECONOMIC OFFICER, OFFERED A USEFUL INSIGHT ON THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE NAM. THE CHIEF DISTINCTION IN HIS OPINION IS THAT THE G-77, FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS, IS THE THIRD WORLD'S UNITED FRONT AND NEGOTIATING BODY. THE NAM IS ITS VEHICLE FOR INTERNAL COORDINATION. THE NAM IS WHERE THE THIRD WORLD SORTS OUT ITS POSITIONS AND ARGUES AMONGST ITSELF TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED UNITY WITH WHICH TO FACE THE DEVELOPED WORLD ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. ON THE OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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HAND, DARAJA DID NOT FEEL IT VERY USEFUL TO TERM THE NAM A "POLITICAL" BODY AND THE G-77 AN "ECONOMIC" BODY. EVERY ECONOMIC ISSUE WAS ALSO POLITICAL. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE G-77 AND THE NAM SHOULD BE SEEN MORE IN TERMS OF THE THIRD WORLD'S INTERNAL DYNAMICS.

2. CUBA: DARAJA SAID THAT THERE WERE "A FEW STATES WITHIN

THE NAM WHO WERE WORRIED THAT CUBA AND VIETNAM MIGHT PULL THE NAM OFF ITS NON-ALIGNMENT." THE MAJORITY OF NAM STATES, HE SAID, HOWEVER, WERE RELAXED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND HAD CONFIDENCE THAT CUBA WOULD ACT RESPONSIBILY -- AND THAT IF SHE DID NOT SHE COULD BE HELD IN CHECK. DARAJA SAID THAT REPORTS OF ANY FRICTION WITHIN THE NAM OVER CUBA'S POSITION WERE EXAGGERATED. LEONARD UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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